

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 306

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Mark Eldridge and the Maryville High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those members of scholastic sports teams whose dedication to excellence and success on the field of play serve as an inspiration to their fellow students, their communities, and the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Maryville High School boys basketball team are wholly deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, after compiling a very impressive regular season record, the Rebels of Maryville High School advanced to the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship game to defeat Clarksville High School by a score of 69-66, claiming the school's first ever state title trophy in basketball; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game against Clarksville (32-2), Maryville (30-7) took a 17-point second-half lead, but ended up going into overtime with the score tied at fifty; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels were already without Kent Basile who had fouled out early in the fourth period and lost Tyler Maples three minutes into the extra period due to five fouls; Jordan Damron subsequently scored 9 of Maryville's 12 points in the next four-minute period, including a free throw with 10.5 seconds left in the game; and

WHEREAS, with the score tied at 66 in double overtime and 2.2 seconds left in the game, reserve Ryan Click took an inbound pass from Jordan Damron and swished a three-pointer from the top of the key as time expired; that trey was Mr. Click's only points in the entire tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels were led in the championship game by Mr. Damron who scored 29 points, including 6 from three-point range, and added eleven rebounds to claim the Tournament's Most Valuable Player award; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Douglas was credited with eight blocks, 17 points, and eleven rebounds; Tyrone Caldwell netted a team-high 26 points, while Shaun Merriweather added eleven, and Ryne Harper added 10; and

WHEREAS, the state title is especially sweet for first year Maryville basketball coach Mark Eldridge; "The emotions in that game were so high and so low," he said; "That's where mental toughness comes in."; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Maryville High School boys basketball team possess a dedication to excellence that has served them well both on the court and in the classroom, and they should be recognized in an appropriate manner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Mark Eldridge and the members of the Maryville High School boys' basketball team upon their completion of a stellar season, and their winning the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship, and we offer our best wishes for their every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.